GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme for Procurement of Jowar under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2020-21 – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency – Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 240 Dated: 26-04-2021.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 09-01-2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.295, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 03-04-2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.307, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 14-04-2020.
4. Minimum Support Price declared by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for 2020-21.
5. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P Guntur, Letter No.Stat (1) 69/2020, Dated 20.2.2021
6. G.O.Rt.No.138, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 18-03-2021.
7. From the MD, A.P MARKFED, letter No.P&M/Jowar/MSP/RMS/2020-21, dated 03.03.2021.

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ORDER:

In the Government Orders 1st, 2nd and 3rd read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse grains were communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter 7th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that the Department of Agriculture communicated the District-wise Area, Yield & Production estimates and expected Market arrival period for Coarse grains during Rabi 2020-21 vide letter 5th read above. As per the information furnished by the Department of Agriculture, the Jowar area sown is 1,05,449 Ha and the expected Production is 5,05,849 MT's.

3. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Jowar (Hybrid) is Rs.2,620/- & Jowar (Maldindi) is Rs.2,640/- per Quintal for the year 2020-21. The State Government vide G.O. 6th read above, announced MSP for Jowar Hybrids/ Varieties that are more preferred for human consumption as Rs.2,620/- per quintal and Jowar Hybrids/ Varieties that are less preferred for human consumption and also most preferred for the industrial purpose as Rs.1,850/- per quintal during Rabi 2020-21.

4. As per the guidelines issued by the DFPD, the Govt. of India will give financial assistance for procurement of the coarse grains under MSP provided that the procured coarse grains are distributed under PDS as Jowar is not distributed under PDS/ other schemes. The procurement of Jowar under MSP has to be taken up in the State Account.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency and to accord permission to procure 1.50 Lakh MT's of Jowar under MSP during Rabi 2020-21 in the State Government Account. Further, Managing Director, AP Markfed has requested to arrange the required funds from Price Stabilization Fund and accord permission to raise the funds by way of loans from the Banks.

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the exigency to procure Jowar to ensure that farmers get remunerative price and relive them from distress sale, hereby nominate the

AP Markfed as the Nodal Agency for procurement of 1.10 Lakh MT's of Jowar under Price Support Scheme on MSP during Rabi 2020-21 with the following modalities:-

1. State Government vide G.O.6th cited, announced MSP for Jowar Hybrids/ Varieties that are more preferred for human consumption as Rs.2,620/- per quintal and Jowar Hybrids/ Varieties that are less preferred for human consumption and also most preferred for the industrial purpose at the MSP of Rs.1,850/- per quintal during Rabi 2020-21.

2. The procurement period will be from 24-04-2021 to 30.06.2021.

3. The procurement centers at RBK level will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

4. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in e-Crop portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2020-21.

5. In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the procurement centers are to be opened at RBK level. The procurement should happen duly following the physical distancing norms.

6. The Government has also decided to involve good working District Cooperative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), FPO's, Village Organizations for the procurement activities.

7. The A.P.Markfed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipment like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales, etc., at the procurement centers. The Nodal Agency, the AP Markfed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipment at the purchase centers well in advance.

8. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P.MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Jowar on MSP from Price Stabilisation Fund. In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers, the A.P Markfed is permitted to raise the loans from the Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government Price Stabilisation Fund.

9. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector (RBK&R), a committee shall be constituted with JDA; PD, DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD, Mktg.; District Manager, AP Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Jowar. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/ gunnies/ unloading rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

10. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Jowar MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.
11. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/ AWSL/ NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Jowar. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/ CWC shall verify the quality as per

FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgment/ ware house receipts.

12. The farmers payments should be done by Aadhar based online payments done through CM APP.

13. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on an actual basis, which include Godown charges, packing material, unloading/loading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges, etc.

14. Commission @2.5% on the procurement of Jowar will be provided to the purchasing agency i.e. A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

15. After completion of the Jowar procurement in the State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to decide on the early disposal of the procured Jowar stocks.

16. The A.P.Markfed shall take necessary steps for ensuring the liquidation of the procured Jowar stocks at the earliest to minimize the procurement losses.

17. After disposal of the stocks, the Managing Director, A.P MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. difference between the Cost of Acquisition and sale price realized shall be borne by the State Government from Price Stabilisation Fund.

7. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Fin (EAC) Dept. vide their U.O.No. FIN01/FMU0ASD(AC)/38/2021-FMU-AC-CS-AH.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
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The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada
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